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SUBJECT: GIFT FOR PRESIDENT FORD AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE

1. REUGE S.A. (A PRIVATE SWISS FIRM), THE LARGEST MUSIC BOX COMPANY IN SWITZERLAND, HAVE SENT THEIR FINEST AND MOST EXPENSIVE MUSIC BOX (WORTH ABOUT 2,000 DOLS) TO THE EMBASSY WITH THE REQUEST THAT WE SEND IT TO PRESIDENT FORD. FIRM HAS INFORMED US THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED ONE OF THEIR BOXES.

2. TEXT OF ACCOMPANYING LETTER: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OUR COMPANY WOULD BE HONORED TO PRESENT YOU WITH THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MUSIC BOX THAT WE ARE MAKING TODAY, IN A LIMITED EDITION OF A 100 PIECES. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT WE OFFER TO THE 38TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OUR NO. 38 OF THIS EDITION. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THIS MUSIC BOX WILL DELIGHT YOU AND WE SEND YOU OUR VERY BEST WISHES. VERY TRULY YOURS, REUGE S.A. UNQUOTE.

3. FIRM HAS ALSO SENT A SMALLER BOX, ADDRESSED TO MR. CONGER FOR USE IN THE QUOTE DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOMS UNQUOTE. THIS BOX HAS A VALUE OF BETWEEN FIVE HUNDRED AND A THOUSAND DOLS.

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